

## C.C. DELAYS OPENING OF PLAYHOUSE

Lincoln Theater Gets Hearing.  
Knickerbocker Probe  
Goes On.

The District Commissioners will give the owners of the new Lincoln Theater on U street northwest a hearing this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The theater was built for vaudeville, but no provision was made for a steel curtain, as required by the building regulations for theaters in legitimate houses.

If the owners so desire they may make the house a picture house without the use of a steel screen, the Commissioners have indicated, but the steel screen will be required should the wish to carry out the original plan of vaudeville. Harry M. Crandall is the principal owner of the house.

Probe Goes On.

The grand jury this morning continued its probe for the cause and responsibility for the collapse of the Knickerbocker Theater, which resulted in death to ninety-seven persons and injuries to scores of others.

Col. William Kelly, of the army engineers corps, was again called to further outline the twenty-one defects he claims to have found in the construction of the theater. Comdr. George A. McKay, of the navy, will be called before the grand jury this afternoon. It is expected the theater ruins with Col. Kelly and entertains the same reasons for the collapse of the theater as the army officer.

30 Witnesses Called.

Approximately thirty witnesses, including government experts, have been summoned to appear before the grand jury by District Attorney Peyton Gordon, who will have charge of presenting the evidence. The grand jury also will be aided by the testimony given at the inquest held in the case by Dr. J. Ramsey Nevitt, District coroner. However, the grand jury inquiry will be independent of the investigation conducted by Dr. Nevitt and which resulted in the holding of nine men, including contractors, architects, former employees of the Building Inspector's office, and others who participated in the construction of the ill-fated theater.

"I intend to summon before the grand jury any persons whom I believe can throw any light on the cause of the collapse of the Knickerbocker Theater," said District Attorney Gordon this morning.

The grand jury probe will take at least a week, it was predicted this morning. Should the grand jury find indictments against any of the nine men held by the coroner's jury, District Attorney Gordon will take steps to bring them to trial without delay.

## 140,000 BOYS ASK HARDING TO BE THEIR CHIEF

Eddie Ambrose, of New York,  
Conveys Invitation to  
White House.

President Harding was asked today by Eddie Ambrose, fourteen, of the News Boys' Club of New York City, to become honorary president of the Boys' Club Federation with a membership of 140,000 boys in all parts of the United States. Eddie called upon the President at the White House and extended the invitation in person. After explaining to the President the scope of the organization which he represented, Eddie declared that the motto of the Boys' Club Federation was "Character Building for Citizenship," and that he said:

All Creeds Welcome.

"The club to which I belong has in its membership boys of more than a score of different nationalities. Boys of all nationalities, creed and color are welcome, but we all are Americans and love the country of which you are President. We do not wish to boast of our loyalty—we love it, sir. From our club there went to service in the late war 2,890 boys. Twenty-eight made the supreme sacrifice. And such, Mr. President, is the record of other clubs, the membership of which we have the honor to represent here today:

"We come on behalf of the 140,000 boys of the Boys' Club Federation, begging you to honor us by becoming our honorary president. We appreciate you have risen from humble circumstances to the most honored position within the gift of our country. We realize that you have won the highest respect and esteem of not only your own, but of the nations of the world.

Presented Petition.

Your achievements exemplifies the truth that in America a humble beginning is not a handicap to greatness, but America stands for opportunity for every boy.

The President was presented with a petition signed by thousands of boys asking him to become the honorary chief of their organization.

## HEARD AND SEEN BY BILL PRICE

GOVERNMENT CLERKS.  
(A IN BLANTON.)  
They wake and yawn at break of dawn  
And then all day they yawn and  
say:  
"Four-thirty—come on,  
COME ON FOUR-THIRTY,  
COME ON."

(A IN LUTHER STEWART)  
All night we wonder how in  
thunder  
We're going to keep from "going  
under."  
How we can make one dollar do  
The work that should be done by  
two.  
Our "kids" need clothes; our  
cash is gone.  
More pay: COME ON; COME  
ON, MORE PAY; COME  
ON.

SAM SIMPLE.  
When shipping to BILL  
PRICE ship:  
"BRIGHT SIDE UP!"  
FRED VETTER.

THE PASSING SHOW.  
By SALONICUS.  
When I see one of them cake-  
eaters with a monkey-back coat  
on, says I: "I'm darn glad I was  
brought up in a dog kennel."

Now that JOE CANNON'S go-  
ing to retire, wonder what the  
stogy manufacturers will do for  
first-class advertising?

If it wasn't for that PAT  
HARRISON boy, the people  
wouldn't know there was such a  
thing as a Democratic party.

W. J. BRYAN'S BIBLE TALKS.  
Jonah is a favorite topic with  
W. J. BRYAN in his Sunday Bi-  
ble talks. Just why the word  
Jonah weighs on his mind we  
don't pretend to say. Of course,  
Jonah had some tough experi-  
ences. So has Mr. Bryan. The  
Democratic party swallowed him  
several times.

As Mr. BRYAN told about it  
in his Sunday sermon yesterday:  
Nineweh was a wicked city. Every-  
body gulped down hootch, played  
the races, poker, bridge whist, and  
"put and take," attended the raw-  
est movies; the styles of the wom-  
en's dresses were such as vamps  
paraded the principal streets.

It was no town in which to lo-  
cate an old ladies' home or to  
open an international reform in-  
stitute. Jonah, a mighty good man,  
was told by the Lord to visit  
Nineweh and tell the people where  
to "get off" or the city would be  
destroyed.

Instead of doing this Jonah went  
to Joppa and took a ship for  
Tarshish. A storm came up. The  
sailors blamed Jonah (that is made  
him the goat) and threw him  
overboard. The whale was wait-  
ing for him and swallowed him  
very much as we gulp down a  
raw oyster.

Jonah prayed long and earnest-  
ly in the whale's intestinal tract  
and repeated: "And the Lord  
spoke unto the fish and it vomit-  
ed Jonah upon the dry land." The  
fish then foot-footed to Nine-  
veh, and arousing the king and  
the people, saved the city, through  
their prompt reformation.

The point of the allegory Mr.  
BRYAN brings out well—it is  
never too late to wipe out evil,  
to repent of wrong-doings, and  
to cleanse ourselves of selfish-  
ness, unkindness, wickedness in  
general.

HEART SONGS.  
At quitting time the night-  
watchman sings: "After I've  
Made My Last Round, 'Tis Then  
I Call It Squared." The  
gent who sticks till the  
party is over: "Of Course I'll  
Drink the Last Round, Though  
'Tis More Than I Can Bear."  
HANK HAWKINS.

ARM NIGHT CONDUCTORS.  
Dear Bill—I'm a street car con-  
ductor's wife, and I'm worried  
after the midnight murder some  
nights ago. Don't you think the  
Police Department should permit  
conductors and motormen on late  
night trips to carry arms? If  
anybody needs protection, these  
fellows do. Yet they may be shot  
down any minute without a  
chance to protect themselves.  
When some of the boys asked for  
police authority the police officers  
told them they would have  
to get influence, etc.  
MRS. H. E. W.

## What's Doing Today and Tomorrow

Today.  
Card party—Entertainment committee.  
Women's City Club, 8:30 p. m.  
Masked ball—Kiwanis Club, Hotel  
Washington, 8:30 p. m.  
Meeting—Indiana State Society, New  
Ebbitt Hotel, 8 p. m.  
Meeting—West End Citizens' Associa-  
tion, Concordia Lutheran Church, 8 p. m.  
Meeting—University Club, old home  
apartment, 8 p. m.  
Meeting—Mid-City Citizens' Associa-  
tion, Thomson School, 8 p. m.  
Lecture, Filing Association, Thomson  
School, 8 p. m.  
Opera, "Samson and Delilah," Albion  
Opera, Central High School, 8 p. m.  
Lecture—District of Columbia Federa-  
tion of Women's Clubs, Grace Dodge  
Hotel, 11 a. m.  
Meeting—National Women's Trade  
Union League, 1815 Rhode Island avenue,  
8 p. m.  
Banquet, Monday Evening Club, Rauscher's  
Hotel, 8 p. m.  
Play—"Jumbo Jim" and "A Jealous  
Husband," by the Dominican Players, at  
St. Dominic's Hall, Sixth and F streets  
southwest, 8 p. m.  
Program—W. C. A. 1323 F street  
northwest, True Blue Corp. Girls' Re-  
serves, 8:30 p. m. F street, intensive  
Bible study class, 8:15 p. m. F street;  
W. C. A. Girls' Club, 7 p. m. F street;  
Lodges—Potomac, No. 4, M. M. Ma-

sonic Order, special, 7:30 p. m.; Dawson,  
No. 14, E. A. Joppa, No. 33, F. C.  
Program—Old Fellows, Union, No. 11,  
initiation, Beacon, No. 15, degree.  
Meeting—The Woman's Welfare Asso-  
ciation, at the new home, 1923 Eleventh  
street northwest, 7:30 p. m.  
Concert—Free lobby concert, Y. M. C.  
7 p. m.  
Talk—College Women's Club, 1812 I  
street northwest, 4 to 8 p. m.  
Lecture—Lantern slide lecture by  
Randle Highlands Citizens' Association,  
tonight.  
Reception and banquet—The Mon-  
day Evening Club, at Rauscher's.

Tomorrow.  
Meeting—North Capital and Eckington  
Citizens' Association, Emory School, 8  
p. m.  
Meeting—The Georgetown Civic Asso-  
ciation, Phillips School, N street between  
Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets  
northwest, tomorrow night.  
Lecture—Lantern slide lecture to be  
given by the Washington section of the Pro-  
gressive Education Association, in the  
auditorium of the Interior Department,  
8 p. m.  
Meeting—The Iowa Circle Citizens'  
Association, at the Northminster Lecture  
Hall, corner Eleventh street and Rhode  
Island avenue northwest, 8 p. m. Address  
by John B. Torbert, home, 1923 Eleventh  
street northwest, 7:30 p. m.  
Rehearsal—National Community Chorus,  
Thomson School, Twelfth and L streets  
northwest, 8 p. m.

## SUSPECT IN BIG D. C. FUR THEFT ARRESTED HERE

Alleged "Lone Wolf" Caught  
in Rooming House With  
Stolen Goods.

The "Lone Wolf," alleged master  
crackman, and known in police  
parlance as "one smooth artist,"  
has fallen into the clutches of the  
law.

For months the most astute man-  
hunters of the nation combed the  
"jungles" of every large city in an  
effort to locate the man who, the  
police say, has a record for au-  
dacity in pulling off "jobs" that  
would shame the mythical Raffles.  
The "Lone Wolf" is the name by  
which this amiable gentleman is  
best known by crime investigators.  
He was christened Arthur Strom.

Sergeant Bobo, of the Sixth pre-  
dict, was "tipped off" that the  
Lone Wolf was scouting in that  
bluecoat's preserves. Yesterday the  
officer stormed a rooming house  
at 217 John Marshall place and  
placed him under arrest.

According to Sergeant Bobo, a  
quantity of nitroglycerine, burglar  
tools, and furs said to be worth  
\$4,000 were found in the room.  
The furs were identified as having  
been stolen from the Cunningham  
department store, 317 Seventh  
street northwest.

Strom, the police say, has an  
interesting history. In 1918, when  
he was arrested in Detroit, he was  
suffering from a bullet wound in  
the head. He held up a farmer,  
according to the police, but the  
farmer wasn't a bit intimidated.  
Whipping out a pistol, he shot the  
highwayman.

The "Lone Wolf," afraid he would  
lose his mind if the bullet remained  
in his head, pleaded with the prison  
authorities to operate on him. They  
did so and the ball was removed.

While in prison Strom was con-  
nected with the editorial staff of  
the Ohio Penitentiary News.

Strom's first "hit" in prison was  
in 1909, the police say, when he  
was sent to the reformatory at  
Anamosa, Iowa, for participating in  
a series of robberies in Des Moines.  
He is also alleged to have robbed  
a safe in a theater in Detroit,  
where he got away with \$465.

Strom vigorously denied the theft  
of the furs and the nitroglycerine.  
He said he had been positively identified,  
the "Lone Wolf" will be charged with  
burglary.

## UNION WOMEN OPPOSE PLANS FOR EQUALITY

Believe Program of Woman's  
Party Would Overthrow Re-  
medial Legislation.

Voicing their opposition to the  
proposed "equal rights" amendment  
to the Constitution, the national con-  
ference of trade union women,  
which met in the Grace Dodge Hotel  
yesterday, voted to call on the Na-  
tional Woman's Party to discon-  
tinue its efforts to obtain blanket  
legislation as a means of removing  
civil and legal discriminations  
against women.

At the same time the conference,  
which was called by the National  
Women's Trade Union League, of-  
fered to cooperate in any effort to  
correct particular wrongs where  
necessary legislative means for such  
a purpose can be found.

The conference adopted this  
declaration explaining its attitude:  
"Many of the best legal authori-  
ties in the United States tell us that  
the language of the blanket legisla-  
tion proposed by the National Woman's  
Party, both Federal and State,  
might be construed as invalidating  
labor laws which apply to women  
and not to men, such as laws regu-  
lating hours of employment, provid-  
ing seats in stores, factories, ele-  
vators, etc., establishing minimum  
wages for women, prohibiting  
night work, and prohibiting the em-  
ployment of women immediately be-  
fore and after confinement."

"It has taken years to establish  
by Supreme Court decisions the con-  
stitutionality of present labor laws  
for women, and court decisions in  
some cases are still pending. Dur-  
ing the period of litigation women  
workers have been deprived of the  
benefits of the laws. Millions of dol-  
lars of wages withheld and untold  
hours of reason of longer hours  
are only a part of the price work-  
ing women have had to pay for lit-  
igation. We do not wish to repeat  
this struggle. We wish to expand  
our efforts upon our constructive  
program for the improvement and  
the extension of industrial stand-  
ards for women, and not be forced  
to exhaust our resources in defense  
of what we have won."

## FOUR MEN THROWN OUT WHEN AUTO TURNS OVER

Four Washington men escaped  
with slight injuries when their auto-  
mobile, the driver blinded by the  
headlights of an approaching ma-  
chine, overturned into a ditch beside  
the road from Chesapeake Junction,  
last night.

The men are A. T. Schroth, 702  
Maryland avenue northeast; William  
Hetterling, 526 Eighth street north-  
east; George Havell, 1335 B street  
southeast, and Jack Kennedy, chauff-  
eur, 45 I street southwest. Ken-  
nedy suffered a sprained back and  
Schroth's neck was injured, but both  
were able to go home. The car was  
demolished.

## GAS IN SCHOOL POISONED PUPILS AND TEACHERS

Investigation Conducted at  
Monroe School to Remedy  
Furnace Defects.

Following complaints that pupils  
and teachers in the Monroe School  
were being poisoned by coal gas  
leaking from the old-fashioned fur-  
nace, Dr. J. A. Murphy, school  
health officer, today is conducting  
an investigation of the entire build-  
ing.

Dr. Murphy said reports had  
reached the Health Department from  
mothers of pupils in the Monroe  
school that their children had been  
so seriously affected by the gas that  
they had to be kept home.

A member of the Parent-Teacher  
Association reported there had been  
cases where teachers fainted during  
classes because of the repeated  
poisoning and that, for the same  
reason, plants and goldfish had been  
killed by exposure to the gas.

"I understand that the old hot air  
furnace is being or is to be replaced  
by steam heat," Dr. Murphy said.  
"This will remove the cause of the  
poisoning. In case this change is not  
being made it may be possible to  
close up cracks in the old system,  
from which the gas is leaking. I  
do not think it probable we will find  
it necessary to close up the build-  
ing."

## UNION LEADERS CONFER ON CUT AT NAVY YARDS

Gompers and Heads of Crafts  
Affected Plan to Draft Re-  
medial Legislation.

Officials of the trade unions af-  
fected by the recent reduction in  
navy yard forces met with President  
Samuel Gompers, of the American  
Federation of Labor this morning to  
outline labor's next move in the  
effort to restore the unemployment  
brought by the Navy Department's  
drastic cut.

Through their organizations the  
"furloughed" men will seek for the  
Navy Department the authority to  
reorganize navy yards to provide  
work, the power for which Secretary  
Denby declares is now lacking.

Another conference will be held to-  
morrow morning when the final draft  
of a proposed bill will be considered.

Coxey Bill Up Thursday.

"General" Jacob S. Coxey, of  
Massillon, Ohio, renowned leader  
of Coxey's army, today announced  
the men discharged from the Wash-  
ington navy yard would be on hand  
next Thursday when the House  
Merchant Marine Committee begins  
consideration of the bill to estab-  
lish "Coxey's navy" with 112 Ship-  
ping Board members.

Under the terms of the bill, which  
was introduced in the House by  
Congressman Gahn of Cleveland,  
the Secretary of the Treasury would  
be authorized to issue \$40,000,000  
in long-term notes to purchase  
the vessels from the Shipping  
Board. The ships then would be  
turned over to Coxey under a first  
lien mortgage.

Coxey plans to recondition the  
ships in Government navy yards,  
thereby giving employment to "fur-  
loughed" men.

Finishing touches were being ap-  
plied to a bill to be introduced in  
Congress in a few days, providing  
for the manufacture of all Govern-  
ment munitions in Government  
yards and arsenals.

The plea for the passage of the  
bill is based upon the union's be-  
lief that inasmuch as the arms  
limitation proposals are made by  
the Government it is the Govern-  
ment's duty to provide employment  
for those who are affected by the  
move.

Denby is Negative.

The answer of Secretary Denby  
to Gompers' fifteen proposals for  
the extension of work for the navy  
"furloughed" men, received by the  
union chiefs today, was as ex-  
pected, it was declared. In detail  
Denby answered the respective pro-  
posals negatively.

The importance of the re-  
sponse, union men pointed out, was  
that it indicated the Administration's  
determination to find no way where  
there was no will. The requests sub-  
mitted to Denby by Gompers spe-  
cifically asked the Secretary to seek  
authority to relieve the situation,  
should the department lack neces-  
sary power to readjust the operation  
of yards to afford work. In his  
answer Denby lists the reasons why  
the department's reduction was  
necessary and why it is not possible  
at present to offer relief. No recom-  
mendations are made, and no indica-  
tion is given that the department will  
seek to aid the men through sugges-  
tions to Congress.

"Mr. Denby's answer," said N. P.  
Alfias, head of the District ma-  
chinists union, "was merely a formal  
reply, little more than acknowl-  
edging receipt of the proposals sub-  
mitted by Mr. Gompers. Previous  
indications had prepared us to expect  
no more."

Further proposals to be made by  
the union officials were discussed at  
this morning's meeting.

## JEWELERS TO BE DINED AT CITY CLUB TUESDAY

Washington jewelers will be the  
guests at a dinner to be given at  
7 o'clock tomorrow night in the  
ballroom of the new City Club, un-  
der the auspices of the Merchants  
and Manufacturers' Association. All  
retail and manufacturing jewelers  
have been invited.

The speaker will be Roe Fulk-  
erson and Roy Neuhauser, secretary  
of the City Club. Charles Schwartz  
is chairman of the committee in  
charge.

## WOMAN SCULPTOR HAS CLAIMS RETURN OF 10 PERCENT ON CHASTLETON



Despite the urgent business of his administration, President  
Harding is finding time to pose for Mrs. Sally J. Farnham, famous  
woman sculptor, who is making a bust of the nation's Chief Ex-  
ecutive. At a set time the President is closeted with Mrs. Far-  
nham and forgets all about his urgent business routine.

## DISCOVER NO TRACE OF PEARL DRUM, MISSING

Police are still searching for Miss  
Pearl Drum, twenty-five years old,  
who has been missing since Feb-  
ruary 22 from the home of Mrs.  
Elizabeth Vandevanter, 2110 H  
street northwest. It was said at  
her home, 817 Otis place northwest,  
this morning that no trace of her  
has been found.

The harbor police have been in-  
structed to keep a close watch on  
the river "as there are reasons to  
believe that she may have ended  
her life." Asked what reasons  
there were for believing in such a  
theory, the police this morning were  
non-committal. It is understood  
that because she was held some  
time ago for observation by alien-  
ists that she may have committed  
suicide.

## WIFE ACCUSES HER HUSBAND OF ATTACKING GIRL

Mrs. Catherine R. Taylor Uses  
Charge As Basis of Plea  
for Divorce.

That an alleged criminal attack  
upon a woman may constitute  
cause for an absolute divorce is the  
contention in a cross bill filed in  
the District Supreme Court today by  
Mrs. Catherine R. Taylor, who was  
recently sued for divorce by Thom-  
as M. Taylor. The couple former-  
ly resided at 3426 Prospect avenue  
northwest.

The wife, replying with emphatic  
denials to the allegations of her  
husband's suit that she was guilty  
of unbecoming conduct with visitors  
in her home, countered with the  
charge that her husband has been  
guilty of misconduct and upon one  
occasion made an attack upon a  
young woman acquaintance. For  
this offense he was arrested, accord-  
ing to the wife.

Mrs. Taylor asked the court to  
dissolve the marriage on her ap-  
plication, award her permanent al-  
imony and grant her the custody  
of the three minor children of the  
couple.

The wife, represented by Attor-  
ney Raymond Neudecker, said her  
husband beat her upon numerous  
occasions, threatened her, and on  
September, 1920, shortly after the  
alleged attack made upon the young  
woman, whose name was brought  
into the action as a co-respondent.

Taylor, it is alleged, is employed  
at a window shade shop on Third  
street northwest, and, although he  
earns a good income, has abso-  
lutely refused to provide for his  
wife and children.

WATER SUPPLY ITEM IS  
REPLACED IN D. C. BUDGET

The \$3,000,000 item for the im-  
provement of the District water sup-  
ply was replaced in the District ap-  
propriations bill today by the Senate  
Appropriations Subcommittee.

The action of the House in blue-  
penning the item was reversed and  
the Senate Appropriations Com-  
mittee will confirm to-morrow  
the action of the subcom-  
mittee today.

Other important changes with re-  
gard to the school construction pro-  
gram were made in the bill, it was  
understood. Senator Philip Ham-  
man, chairman of the subcommittee,  
declined to discuss them, however, until  
the text of the Senate bill was made  
public tomorrow or Wednesday.

The Senate Appropriations Com-  
mittee expects to place the District  
bill before the Senate the latter part  
of the present week. The Senate is  
not likely to call it up for consid-  
eration, however, until the latter part  
of March.

## Books for Boys and Girls

Rented from 10c to 25c per week  
Very large assortment to select from  
Pearlman's Book Shop  
933 G St. Only

Higher Rental Fair Because of  
Responsibility, Commis-  
sion is Told.

There is more responsibility at-  
tached to the rental and manage-  
ment of the Chastleton apartment house  
than in the management of 400 pri-  
vate residences scattered city-wide,  
and bringing in the same rental re-  
turns.

This was the expert opinion ex-  
pressed this morning by A. S. Gar-  
ner, of the Thomas J. Foster Com-  
pany, in testifying before the Re-  
nt Commission, now endeavoring to  
place a "fair value" on the Chastle-  
ton property.

Ten per cent was named as a fair  
return on the Chastleton investment  
in contrast to 8 per cent as a fair  
return on residential property, Gar-  
ner maintaining that the higher re-  
turn on apartment investment was equi-  
valent because of the additional atten-  
tion he claimed was demanded in the  
operation of apartment property.

"No set of tenants do as much  
complaining as those in apartment  
houses," charged Garner.

R. H. McNell, tenant, and ten-  
ant's attorney, in seeking to show  
that investment in apartment prop-  
erty entailed little worry for the  
owner, especially when actual man-  
agement was put in the hands of an  
agent, reminded Commissioner  
Taylor and Sinclair that it had been  
previously testified that the owner  
of the Chastleton had not even been  
aware of the present hearing in  
Chastleton today would be between  
\$2 and 65 cents per cubic foot. It  
has been previously offered a  
opinion that the cubic foot cost  
would be 67 cents.

## REALTORS FROM SEVERAL CITIES FIGHT RENT ACT

Operators Start Last-Hour  
Campaign With Outside  
Co-operation.

A bombardment of protests  
against the extension of the Ball  
rent act has been opened by various  
real estate boards and associations  
throughout the country upon mem-  
bers of Congress.

Political and business pressure is  
being brought to bear upon Senators  
to induce them to oppose the exten-  
sion resolution, which probably will  
reach the floor of the Senate today  
or tomorrow. It is the general opin-  
ion in the Senate that this eleventh  
hour campaign against the bill will  
have little effect.

Among the real estate boards  
which have protested against the  
measure are those of Cleveland,  
Buffalo, and Lansing, Mich. It is  
understood that Washington realty  
officials are trying to obtain co-  
operation in their fight against the  
legislation in a score or more of  
cities.

A revised text of the rent act is  
now practically completed. It is un-  
derstood, and may be reported by  
Senator Pomerene today. The delay  
had been caused by the writing of  
a new amendment which exempts  
hotels from the jurisdiction of the  
rent commission, but establishes  
safeguards against apartment houses  
being converted into hotels upon a  
purely technical basis.

President Harding is understood to  
favor the proposed increase of the  
District Rent Commission from three  
members to five, "as a matter of  
economy."

Senator Ball, chairman of the Sen-  
ate District Committee and author  
of the bill increasing the personnel  
of the rent commission, visited the  
White House this morning.  
He was accompanied by Edward  
F. Colladay and W. T. Gallier. The  
two new members, under the Ball  
measure, would be attorneys.

## NEW TRAFFIC RULES WILL BE PROMULGATED FOR D. C.

A new set of traffic regulations  
will be promulgated some time this  
week by the District Commissioners.  
They will be based on recommenda-  
tions made by a citizens' committee  
of which Brig. Gen. Anton Stephan  
is chairman.

Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Ringgold Hart has completed a  
study of the committee's report,  
making the recommendations com-  
ply with the District code. The com-  
mission will meet with Mr. Hart  
probably Wednesday, to make a  
final study of the new regulations.

Commissioner James F. Oyster,  
who has supervision over the police  
department, does not believe that  
drastic changes should be made,  
holding that the present regulations  
are practically sufficient and that a  
radical departure from regulation  
which have already been learned by  
automobile drivers may cause con-  
fusion and increase traffic mishap.

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